

WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL
Wellow Village Hall – 2 September 2002
(7.00 p.m. – 10.06 p.m.)

PRESENT: Mrs Perry (Chairman); Mr Bloore, Mrs Kittow, Mr Noble, Mr Overton-Hore and Mr Thaxter

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Austin, Mr Gentle, Mr Moody and Mrs Simpson

89. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on 8 and 29 July and 19 August 2002 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

90. **DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

There were no reports under this heading at this meeting.

91. **PLANNING**

(a) Current applications: RESOLVED that comments be made to the planning authority as indicated on the following applications:

TVS.00382/1	Sundew, Slab Lane – demolish existing dwelling and erect 2 detached dwellings	Opposed on the grounds of: contrary to Local Plan policies D1, D2 and D14
TVS.01181/8	Amberwood House, Canada Road - change of use of garage with office over to garage with granny annexe over (originally approved under TVS.01181/4)	Supported

TVS.03376/ 15	Home Farm Buildings, Embley Park - variation of condition 12 on TVS. 3376/1 to use the yard marked 4, 5 and 6 on the application plan for general industrial use, office, storage and parking in conjunction with the existing site marked 1, 2 and 3 on the application plan and the necessary variation of the legal agreement with respect to this development	Supported
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(Mrs Perry declared an interest in this application and left the room for the debate. The Vice-Chairman, Mr Noble, took the chair)

TVS.09690	Oakdene Farm, Whinwhistle Road – change of use of land for the siting of residential mobile homes for 7 families, plant machinery, equipment and vehicles by travelling showpersons (amended proposal re access)	Opposed on the grounds specified in minute 59(a)/7/02 in relation to the original application
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TVS.09742	14 Old Cottage Close – addition of first floor extension to provide en-suite bathroom to existing bedroom	No objection
TVS.09755	4 Elmdale Grove – erection of conservatory to rear of property	No objection
TVS.AG.00013/1	Lower Bridge Farm, Tutts Lane - erection of steel framed straw and machinery store	No objection

(b) Planning decisions: Members noted the decisions set out in paper 5A accompanying the agenda (shown as appendix 1 in the minute book).

(c) Land at The Triangle, Ridge: The venue for the pre-inquiry meeting on 13 September had now changed to the Record Office Cinema, Winchester. The Council had also been invited to attend a joint meeting with Romsey Extra Parish Council and Romsey Town Council on Wednesday 25 September to discuss the appeal.

RESOLVED that the Chairman and Clerk attend the joint meeting.

92. **CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) Periodic Electoral Review of Hampshire County Council: Following the completion of the periodic reviews of all district councils in Hampshire, a review of the County Council's electoral arrangements was now under way. Initial views were invited by 25 November. The Clerk had requested details of the current arrangements to facilitate a response.

(b) Romsey Town Centre Enhancement Scheme: Following the publication of initial proposals in July, consultants had now prepared more detailed schemes for further consultation. These could be viewed at local exhibitions and at Duttons Road. The deadline for comments was 30 September.

RESOLVED that copies of the plans be obtained for discussion at the next meeting.

(c) Affordable Housing Schemes: A letter from Gordon Richardson, the Rural Housing Enabler, Community Action Hampshire, offered assistance with the provision of an affordable housing scheme. It was noted that Test Valley had also commissioned an independent housing consultancy to carry out a housing needs survey in the Borough.

RESOLVED that Mr Richardson be invited to the October planning meeting to discuss the matter further.

(d) Reception for Volunteers in the Community: The Leader of the County Council was holding a reception in the Great Hall, Winchester on Tuesday 22 October to recognise the important role of volunteers in the community. Parish/Town Councils were being asked to assist in nominating suitable local people for the event. In this respect, members identified several possible volunteers in the parish and asked the Clerk to make nominations accordingly.

(e) Other correspondence: The Clerk reported receipt of:

- (i) A letter from DEFRA confirming that, notwithstanding the Planning Green Paper in December 2001, Parish and Town Councils would retain their current role in the planning consultation process;
- (ii) Details from the Environment Agency of a “Reducing Flood Risk” conference in Southampton on Thursday 26 September (to be passed to Mrs Simpson);
- (iii) A letter from Inspector Stephen Jefford announcing his departure from Romsey following his promotion to Chief Inspector of the Traffic Division;
- (iv) A letter from Test Valley Environment & Health Service confirming action on the use of bird scarers at Foxhills Farm;
- (v) Letters of thanks from Romsey and District Carers Forum and Hampshire County Youth Band Association in respect of Council grants;
- (vi) Notice of the annual public meeting of Eastleigh and Test Valley South Primary Care Trust on Monday 9 September; and
- (vii) Other correspondence as shown in the list circulated with the agenda.

93. **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

RESOLVED that representations be made to the Area Surveyor concerning the following:

- a hole in the footpath outside Kingsmead, Lower Common Road
- damaged footpath edge in Lower Common Road (near A36 junction) risking blockage of adjoining gully
- need for re-commencement of Foxes Lane bank restoration works and removal of rubbish left by travellers

94. **DRAFT STRATEGY FOR THE NEW FOREST**

This document was still to be read by members. Any proposed response would be discussed at the next available meeting.

95. **SOUTHERN TEST VALLEY TRANSPORT SCHEME (DIAL-A-RIDE)**

Discussion took place on the appointment of a representative to this body in place of Mr Gentle (who had agreed to serve until September 2002). Mr Bloore agreed to make enquiries of Jim McKee and report back to members.

96. **DELEGATES' REPORTS**

No matters were reported under this item.

97. **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

- (a) Environment Committee: Consideration was given to the minutes of a meeting of the Environment Committee held on 25 July 2002, a copy of which appears as appendix 2 in the minute book. Members agreed the following in respect of the items shown:

Item 6 (Grass Cutting): Members to forward suggestions to the Clerk for sites to be negotiated with the highway authority for future maintenance by the Parish. Matter then to be discussed further;

Enquiries to be made of the Area Surveyor as to funding available for 'adopted' sites; Ride-on mower and trailer and one additional mower likely to be needed. Mr Bloore to discuss with Mr Harris the specifications for the equipment required and to make enquiries about prices.

Item 10 (Bus Shelters: Obtain quotation from Frenchmoor Buildings Ltd for new shelters at Canada Corner (opposite Hatches Garage) and Whinwhistle/A36 junction (to include any necessary work on the concrete bases).

Submit insurance claim in respect of the vandalised shelter.

Item 19 (Notice Boards): Pursue possibility of erecting new board adjacent to the post box opposite the Methodist Church in Maurys Lane.

RESOLVED that, subject to the additional matters agreed above, the minutes be received and the recommendations therein contained be adopted.

- (b) Canada Common track: The Clerk reported on a meeting with English Nature concerning the proposal for narrowing of the track at the southern end of Canada Common (outside Canada Lodge), together with the installation of dragons teeth and an additional parking area. English Nature were agreeable in principle but wished to ensure that the scheme was consistent with nature conservation. The proposal for burying a BT cable in front of Canada Lodge was also acceptable, subject to adequate ground restoration. The occupier of Canada Lodge had agreed to submit detailed proposals for these works for further consideration.
- (c) Plantation Road turning circle: Members discussed the need to replace the log barrier at this site as a matter of urgency. Mr Thaxter agreed to approach Mike Mills for a quotation for the work.

98. **SPORT AND LEISURE COMMITTEE**

Consideration was given to the minutes of a special meeting of the Sport and Leisure Committee held on 27 August 2002, a copy of which appears as appendix 3 in the minute book.

In particular members discussed the proposal under item 1 (Play Area) for an entirely new safety surface across the whole of the fenced play area. A subsequent inspection had shown that this might be impractical and involve significant cost bearing in mind the different levels of the individual play units. A solution was also needed for the roundabout clearance problem.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the following be substituted for recommendation (2) in item 1 (Play Area):
“That a site meeting be arranged with Wicksteed Leisure to discuss solutions to the play area defects”;
- (2) That, subject to (1) above, the minutes be received and the recommendations therein contained be adopted.

99. **PARISH COUNCIL PUBLICITY**

The latest edition of Wellow Gazette had just been published. As a result, the next Parish Newsletter would be delivered with the October Gazette. It was agreed to include the following items: Flood protection; role of Tree Wardens; bus shelter replacements; play area refurbishment; budget matters.

100. **PARISH COUNCIL FINANCES**

(a) Income: Members noted the following income received since the last meeting:

	£	VAT	£
Burial fees	45.00	0.00	45.00
Football fees, 2001/02	315.40	0.00	315.40

(b) Accounts: RESOLVED that authority be given for the following payments:

Cheque No	Payee	£	VAT	£
001606	West Wellow Methodist Church (Meeting accommodation, July and August)	18.00	0.00	18.00
001607	Southern Electric (Supply to recreation grounds)	39.30	1.96	41.26
001608	British Telecommunications plc (Telephone account)	50.95	8.91	59.86
001609	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd (Balance of cost (carriage charge) for returned play area parts)	11.22	1.96	13.18
001610	J Benham (Salary (18/8 – 31/8/02), travel and purchases)	184.23	10.52	194.75

(c) Transfer: RESOLVED that the following transfer be made from the Premier Interest Account to the Treasurers Account:

In 21 days: £300

101. **CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that, by reason of the confidential nature of the business, publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest.

102. **GROUNDSPERSON**

Members reviewed the position concerning the temporary contract of the Council's Groundsperson, Jeffrey Benham, which was due to expire on 30 September 2002. It was agreed that, bearing in mind the probable need to increase the contract hours in the next financial year, confirmation of a permanent contract should be deferred until March 2003.

RESOLVED that the Groundsman's temporary contract be further extended to 31 March 2003.